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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FURTHER ON NUCLEAR TOPICS

REF: NEW DELHI 7474

1. WE HAVE FOUND YOUR CONVERSATION WITH SHANKAR (REFTEL)  
USEFUL IN SHEDDING NEW LIGHT ON DESAI'S SAFEGUARDS CONDI-  
TIONS. WHILE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS POINT TO COMMENT  
ON THE QUESTION OF INSPECTION PROVISIONS FOR A CTB AND A  
SALT II AGREEMENT WE FIND ENCOURAGING THAT THE INDIANS ARE  
REVIEWING THE DETAILS OF HOW WE AND THEY CAN COME TOGETHER  
ON THEIR SAFEGUARDS CONDITIONS. WE SUGGEST THAT YOU SEEK

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ANOTHER APPOINTMENT WITH SHANKAR TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECI-  
ATION FOR HIS THOUGHTS AND TO STRESS THAT THE PRESIDENT IS  
SERIOUS IN ANALYZING DESAI'S CONDITIONS AND IN EXAMINING  
HOW OUR EFFORTS ON CTB AND SALT II CAN SATISFY INDIAN RE-  
QUIREMENTS. THESE ARE TOPICS WHICH THE PRESIDENT WILL WANT  
TO DISCUSS WITH DESAI IN SOME DEPTH.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, YOU SHOULD UNDERSCORE HOW DELICATELY POISED WE ARE IN WASHINGTON ON THE WHOLE ISSUE OF SAFEGUARDS, ESPECIALLY AS CONGRESS REVIEWS XSNM-1060. FOR EXAMPLE, HEARINGS HAVE JUST BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MAY 23 BEFORE THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE TARAPUR SHIP-

MENT, AT WHICH NYE WILL PRESENT THE ADMINISTRATION'S VIEWS. WITH THE TARAPUR ISSUE ONE OF HIGH VISIBILITY ON THE EVE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT WE BELIEVE THAT NEITHER SIDE SHOULD SAY ANYTHING THAT WILL MAKE AN AGREEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER MORE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE. CERTAINLY, WE WILL BE GUIDED BY THIS VIEW. WE ARE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INDIAN STATEMENT AT THE SSOD WHICH COULD GENERATE MISUNDERSTANDING AT A SENSITIVE MOMENT. WE WOULD ASSUME THE PRIME MINISTER WILL REITERATE THE NEED FOR GREAT POWER MOVEMENT ON DISARMAMENT ISSUES OR LINK VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL NON-PROLIFERATION MEASURES. HOWEVER, WE WOULD HOPE THAT HE WOULD NOT GET INTO SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR THE ADOPTION OF SAFEGUARDS BEFORE HE HAS HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THESE WITH THE PRESIDENT. FYI - WHAT WE WISH TO AVOID IS A SITUATION IN WHICH DESAI LOCKS HIMSELF INTO A POSITION FROM WHICH HE CANNOT MOVE. END FYI.

3. AT YOUR DISCRETION YOU MAY INFORM SHANKAR THAT THE U.S. HAS NOW OFFERED TO PLACE ALL OF OUR NUCLEAR FACILITIES  
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(EXCEPT THOSE WITH DIRECT NATIONAL SECURITY SIGNIFICANCE) UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS, AS HAVE THE BRITISH AND FRENCH. ALL THREE COUNTRIES ARE IN VARYING STAGES OF IMPLEMENTING THEIR OFFERS. THE U.S. OFFER HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND SENT TO THE SENATE FOR ITS ADVICE AND CONSENT. AFTER THIS PROCESS IS CONCLUDED WE WOULD EXPECT TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE IAEA OF SUBSIDIARY ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN 90 DAYS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT IAEA SAFEGUARDS WILL BE IN FORCE FOR U.S. FACILITIES WITHIN THIS CALENDAR YEAR.

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